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Johnson Invites Connecticut Seniors to Medicare Prescription Drug Discount Card Workshop *Special Guest HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson*

NEW BRITAIN, CT – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson today invited Connecticut seniors to a Medicare prescription drug discount card workshop with special guest Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson on Friday, May 21 at the New Britain Senior Center.

“The drug discount cards will save seniors money,” said Johnson, who helped write the Medicare prescription drug law that created the discount card program. “When the cards take effect in June, Medicare for the first time will help seniors with the high cost of prescription drugs. I’m pleased Secretary Thompson will join us to discuss how seniors can use these cards to take advantage of real savings. ”

Congresswoman Johnson and Secretary Thompson will discuss the new discount card program and demonstrate how seniors will save money on the cost of their prescriptions. All are welcome.

This month, seniors can begin to sign up for a Medicare-approved prescription drug discount card. The drug cards, costing between nothing and \$30 annually, take effect on June 1 and remain in effect until the full, comprehensive Medicare drug benefit kicks in on January 1, 2006. Seniors with low incomes receive a \$600 subsidy this year and next to help pay for the discounted drugs.

WHAT: **Congresswoman Nancy Johnson’s Medicare Discount Card Workshop,**
with special guest **Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson**

WHEN: Friday, May 21, at 2 p.m.

WHERE: New Britain Senior Center
55 Pearl Street
New Britain
(860) 826-3553

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